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PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF SEED SELECTION IN THE QUANG NINH AREA

- North Vietnam -

[Following is a translation of an article by Mai Van Dong, Bureau of Agriculture, Quang Ninh, in the Vietnamese-language periodical Khoa Hoc Ky Thuat Nong Nghiep (Agricultural Sciences & Technology), Hanoi, October 1964, pp 592-594.]

Many species of rice can be found in the northern sector of Quang Ninh. Excellent species are developing rapidly but many bad species still exist. Many species have been cultivated for many years but due to lack of care and selection some of them are undergoing mixing and regression.

Investigation in some cooperatives (at Dam Ha) has shown the large extent of mixing in some rice species (Table I)

Table I Investigation at Dam Ha

| O Hợp tác xã | 3 Giống lúa | Tý lệ lần ② (%) |
|--------------|--|--------------------|
| Bác-sơn | (Chiêm tráng (Chia mùa: Ngàn-kèng-hồng Chin-chí-choọc | 20 16 13 |
| Yên-diph | Chiem trang | 15 |
| Yên-hàn | Chiêm trắng Dop-tài-chim (lúa mùa) | 12 15 |

[Legend]: 1) Cooperative; 2) Rice species; 3) percent component; 4) white "chiem"; 5) Main Crop; 6) Dop Tai Chim (main crop).

The increasingly poor seeds have given unstable yields (Table 2).

Table 2
Rice Yields (piculs/ha) at Tien Yen

| Ø Tên xā | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|
| Dong-ngû | 20 | 19 | 12 | 14 |
| Hái-lang-đông | 24 | 22 | 18 | 19 |
| Yên-than | 18 | 16 | 15 | 15 |

[Legend]: 1) Villages.

Thus, it is important to select excellent seeds that will give high and stable yields.

I. COMPARISON OF SEEDS

Rice yields have been observed through a number of crops at the Ha Coi and Doan Tinh [work] camps and some co-operatives. Results are, as follows:

1. Spring "chiem" rice. Comparison of yields for spring crops over several years (sown 19 March, planted 17 April) indicate that "Nam Ninh" rice has been the most promising species, that its yield is almost stable and is higher than that of white "chiem" (Pac Pha). (Table 3)

The duration of growth of "Nam Ninh" is five to seven days shorter than that of white "chiem" which is an important factor in labor scheduling. "Nam Ninh" plants are tougher and develop faster than white "chiem". The "Nong Nghiep" I seeds of "Nam Ninh" give strong stems, big ears, numerous grains but are susceptible to "dao on" and "tiem lua" diseases. Further study in this area is needed.

According to current data, "Nam Ninh" rice should be readily adaptable to local conditions. It is being cultivated by many cooperatives and occupies 70-80 per cent of the area for "chiem" varieties.

Table 3

| | Thời gian | @ Näng suát (ta/ha) | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| Tên giống | truởng (số ngày) | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | |
| Nam-ninh Nông nghiệp l | 110-115 103 | 20 10,5 | 27,3 27,0 | 21,25 21,25 | |
| Chiem am | 115-120 | 19,0 | 26,0 | 6,87* | |

[Legend]: 1) Species; 2) Duration of Growth (Days); 3) Yield (Piculs/ha).

- * In 1963, blossoms fell prematurely
- 2. Main-crop rice. In addition to species existing locally, some species have been imported from China and from the delta regions in recent years. These species are tentatively classified into three groups:
- Local species: "loong xay chien," "tan thuy lien," "dop tai chim," "dai hong coc."
- Species brought from the delta region: "quyet tam" 813, "di huong," "tam thom."
- Species imported from Dong Hung (China): "tan tay duong," "chuc tuy," "moc toan," "chung thu," "ke nam ai," "thap thach kiem," "dong thu bo," unknown No. 1, unknown No. 2.

Yields are summarized in Table 4.

Investigations have led to the following conclusions:

- Among local species, "loong xay chim" and "tan thuy tien" gave the highest and most consistent yields. "Loong xay chim" is tasty, and it has been cultivated in this area for a long time. However, it has become mixed and n eds to be selected. "Tan thuy lien" seeds produce tall and strong plants with large grains. The unhulled grains are red, and they are low quality grains. This species, however, can withstand alkalinity and resist diseases.
- Of the species imported from the delta, "di huong" produces uniform ears. Its short plants are not likely to collapse. "Tam thom" and "quyet tam" 813 are not adaptable.

- In the imported group, "tan tay duong" has been cultivated for a relatively long time. It is readily adaptable to local conditions, and it is becoming increasingly popular. A shortcoming of the "tan tay duong" is its tendency to collapse and to shed its grains. Selection is needed. At present, "tan tay duong" represents a large portion of rice grown in rice-rich huyen such as Dam Ha, Ha Coi and Mong Cai.

Table 4

| · | | Năng sunt (ta/ha) | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| O Tên giống | sinh trường (số ngày) | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 |
| Coong-xhy-chim | 135-140 | 21 | 36,00 | 23 |
| Tan-thủy-liên | 150 | 39,3 | 39,20 | 22,8 |
| . Dop-tài-chim . Dai-hòng-cóc | 135 | 20,0 | 21,70 | |
| Quyết-tám 813 | 165-170 | | 34,0 | 20,5* |
| Di huong | 150 | | 30.0 | 17,0 |
| Tám thơm | 160 | | 26,0 | |
| Tân-tây-dirong | 152 | | 30,0 | 26,8 |
| Mộc-toàn | 155 | | 44,0 | 27,0 |
| Chúc-tuy | 155 | | 37,0 | 7,5 |
| Chùng-thu | 157 | | 40,0 | 27,0 |
| Dong-thu-bo | 159 | | | 18,6 |
| 9Vô danh số 2 | 159 | | | 26,43 |

[Legend]: 1) Species; 2) Duration of Growth (days); 3) Yield (piculs/ha); 4) Unknown No. 2.

* In 1963, the ears came late due to diseases

II. SEED SELECTION

In 1963, various [work] camps and cooperatives carried out seed selection on the basis of observations made by the seed union. Seeds were selected from fields which had received extensive care and high yield (Table 5).

Table 5

Data from Some Cooperatives in Dam Ha on Fields
Chosen from Seed Selection

| 0.00 | ② Hop to | ic xã Bắc-sơn | 3 llop tác xã Yên-định | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| ① Công việc | @Ruộng giống | SRuộng sản xuất | Ruộng giống | Ruộng sản xuất | |
| © Cây Ø Bửa ⑤ Bốn lối/1 là | 3 lượt 3 lượt 20 gánh phân chuồng + 40 gánh đất | 2 lugt 2 lugt 10 gánh phản chuồng | 3 luọt 3 luọt 15 gánh phản chuồng | 2 lugt 2 lugt 6 gánh phán chuồng | |
| @ Bon thúc/i là | ₩ 40 kg P kgN+3kgP + 3 gánh phản | + 15 gánh đất + 15 kg P/1 là @ 3 gánh phản @ chuồng | + 10 gánh dất 20kg P, vôi+10kg N 6 gánh phân chuồng + 2,5kg N | + 35 gánh dất (B)+ 3 kg xác mám (B) kg N | |
| . @ Lâm cô | chuồng 2 lượt | i lugt | 1 lugt | 1 lugt | |
| ®Năng suất (tạ/ha) | 35 | 22 | 25 | 21 | |

[Legend]: 1) Operation; 2) Bac Son Cooperative; 3) Yen Dinh Cooperative; 4) Selection Field; 5) Production Field; 6) Plowing; 7) Harrowing; 8) First fertilization lLa; 9) Additional Fertilizing 1 La; 10) Weeding; 11) Yield (piculs/ha); 12) 20 shoulder-loads manure; 13) +40 shoulder-loads soil; 14) +40 kg. phosphate; 15) 3 kg Nitrate + 3 kg phosphate; 16) 20 kg phosphate lime + 10 kg nitrate; 17) 6 shoulder-loads manure, 2.5 kg nitrate; 18) + 3 kg fish residue; 19) 3 kg nitrate.

- The number of stalks per clump in the "Nam Ninh" species are given in Table 6 for seed selection fields and production fields.

Where single stalks were planted for the purpose of seed selection, the growth was more vigorous, the number of grains per ear was double its counterpart in production fields where multiple stalks were planted. Most cases of single stalk planting occurred during the main-crop season in 1963.

- For single stalks, the number of ears per clump, the number of grains per ear were larger than in the case of multiple-stalk planting for production. And the proportion of empty grains was significantly lower.

Efforts in seed selection from 1962 to 1963 in the northern sector of Quang Ninh provided many fields for single-stalk planting and large quantities of seeds for production during subsequent years in various cooperatives.

Table 6

| Φ | 3 Số dánh | | | Số hại 1 bông | |
|----------|--------------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Đơn vị | cáy | Nhiều nhất | O lt | Nhiều nhất | Ø jt nhát |
| Yén-dinh | 4-5 i | 14 12 | 6 2 | , 50 108 | 14 60 |
| Bác-sơn | Onhidu. | 13 | 4 | 50 | 22 |
| • | dánh 1 | 11 | 2 | 100 | 32 |

[Legend]: 1) Unit; 2) Number of stalks; 3) Number of shoots per clump; 4) Number of grains per ear; 5) maximum; 6) minimum; 7) Multiple stalks.

Table 7

| _ | Chiêm (Yên | trang -dinh) | Chiêm trắng (Bắc-sơn) | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Ø. Trung binh | Nhiều dảnh | ∃ dinh | Nhidu dánh | ⊕ i dånh |
| Số bóng 1 khóm Số hạt 1 bóng Tỷ lệ hạt lớp (%) | 10 27 39 | 8 82 2,4 | 38 21,8 | 6,5 75 5,7 |

[Legend]: 1) Average; 2) White "chiem"; 3) multiple stalks; 4) single stalk; 5) ears per clump; 6) grains per ear; 7) hollow grains (%).